

Abstract

The method of manufacturing of 7-ethyl-10-hydroxycamptothecin of formula I characterized in that 7-ethyl-1,2,6,7-tetrahydrocampotothecin of formula IV is oxidized with an oxidizing agent selected from the group comprising iodosobenzene, an ester of iodosobenzene, sodium periodate, potassium periodate, potassium peroxodisulfate and ammonium peroxodisulfate, in a solvent formed by a saturated aliphatic monocarboxylic acid containing 1 to 3 carbon atoms, and in the presence of water.